## **CLAIMS**

1.	A battery in which a power generating element comprisi	ing a
positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is		
accommodated in a battery case, wherein:		

said battery case is composed of a flexible sheet, and at least part of said power generating element is covered with a cover member in said battery case.

10 2. The battery according to claim 1, wherein:

said positive and negative electrodes comprise a non-coated portion, and

the part covered with said cover member is said non-coated portion.

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- 3. A battery in which a power generating element comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is accommodated in a battery case, wherein:
- said battery case is composed of a flexible sheet, and
  said power generating element is entirely covered with a
  cover member in said battery case.
  - 4. The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein said cover member is cup-shaped.

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The battery according to claim 4,
 wherein said cup-shaped cover members cover said power

generating element with open sides thereof facing each other.

The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein: said battery is hermetically sealed, and

a pressure inside said battery is lower than atmospheric pressure.

- 7. The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein said power generating element is formed by winding said positive and negative electrodes through said separator.
- 5 8. The battery according to claim 4, wherein:
  said flexible sheet has an accommodating part for
  accommodating said power generating element, and
  a shape of said accommodating part follows said cup-shaped
  cover member.
  - 9. The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein said cover member is 0.1 mm or thicker and 5 mm or thinner.
- 15 10. The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein said cover member is a resin molded part.

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11. The battery according to any of claim 1 to 3, wherein said flexible sheet is 0.05 mm or thicker and 1 mm20 or thinner.